

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF  
THE COMMISSION ON AGING**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order in the Bartlett Senior Citizen Center on May 13, 2008 by Chairman Craft at 9:30 a.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Commissioners Breaker, Callen, Cardella, Griffith, and  
Chairman Craft

Absent: Commissioner Thomas

Staff: Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand

**3. FLAG SALUTE AND INSPIRATIONAL**

Commissioner Breaker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Commissioner Griffith provided the following inspirations:

*"Only from the heart can you touch the sky".*

*Rumi*

*"I am not afraid of storms, for I am learning how to sail my ship".*

*Louisa May Alcott*

**4. ACCEPT AND FILE AFFIDAVIT OF AGENDA POSTING**

**MOTION:** Commissioner Breaker, Commissioner Cardella seconded, to accept and file the Affidavit of Agenda Posting for its meeting of May 13, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Griffith asked that the statement under Senior Citizens Concerns – Housing be clarified to read as follows: "Commissioner Griffith mentioned that the Housing Office is currently working on the backlog of Section 8 vouchers".

**MOTION:** Commissioner Griffith moved, Commissioner Breaker seconded, to approve the minutes of the Commission on Aging meeting of April 8, 2008, as amended. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Claire Coignard, Torrance Memorial  
Vicky Hershberger, Torrance Memorial  
Phillip Ross, Senior Librarian

## **7. SENIOR CITIZENS CONCERNS**

### **A. City Council**

Commissioner Griffith reported on a number of issues addressed by the City Council pertaining to the Fire Chief's retirement, the Budget, a view impairment appeal and Student Government day.

### **B. Housing**

Commissioner Cardella spoke on the number of senior housing homes now being offered as rentals.

### **C. Health**

Commissioner Griffith referenced a recent Daily Breeze article on Torrance's "Silver Tsunami", and the services this bursting population will need from the City.

### **D. Transportation**

Commissioner Griffith shared that she recently looked into using the Mass Transit system to Sunset Kaiser Hospital and it was not an easy route.

### **E. Cable**

Commissioner Callen announced that the broadcast of the Young at Heart Theatre USO Review recently ended and was well received. He indicated that segments on Generic versus Brand Name Drugs, Safety Tips for Seniors, and the RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon are scheduled for broadcast, as well as coverage of the Special Olympics Track and Field Meet and the Armed Forces Parade. Commissioner Callen also spoke on a new show currently being formulated called Canine Corner which will feature a different dog for adoption each week.

### **F. Focal Point Program**

Commissioner Cardella reported the following Focal Point statistics for the months of March and April 2008:

#### March

- Total number of calls received -- 129
- Total number of documented calls -- 51  
(Note: 15 follow up phone calls were made to clients)
- Miscellaneous calls -- 78
- Total number of walk-ins -- 22

Of the 51 documented calls,

- 47.0% were in regard to Housing
- 29.4% were for In-Home Services, and
- 5.9 % were Legal

#### April

- Total number of calls received -- 126
- Total number of documented calls -- 43  
(Note: 21 follow up phone calls were made to clients)

- Miscellaneous calls -- 83
- Total number of walk-ins -- 19

Of the 43 documented calls,

- 25.6% were in regard to Housing
- 25.6% were for In-Home Services, and
- 23.2% were Legal

#### **G. Elder Abuse/Fraud**

None.

### **9. OLDER AMERICANS RECOGNITION PROGRAM**

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand reminded the Commission that the City Council's Recognition will be held this evening at 7:00 p.m. and the Los Angeles County Older Americans Recognition is tomorrow.

### **9. ORALS**

A discussion was held regarding Commissioner Certification and the vacancy on the Commission.

Claire Coignard, Torrance Memorial distributed copies of Torrance Memorial's Community Benefits Summary. She introduced Vicky Hershberger who will attend the Commission's monthly meetings. Ms. Hershberger shared that she is looking forward to the Commission's meetings and talked of an upcoming Fall Prevention class and a Medication Support Group.

Senior Librarian Phillip Ross complimented Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand for her work on the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Senior Fair. He provided an update on the Baby Boomer Grant and distributed copies of the Library's May Calendar of Events.

Senior Recreation Supervisor Wand thanked the Library for their contribution to the Senior Fair, sharing that although there were fewer attendees this year, those who attended were very engaged. She shared that she is happy to hear that Commissioner's Griffith husband is recuperating well after his fall and that thoughts and prayers are with former Commissioner Virobik and her husband.

### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m. to Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bartlett Center, Hosler Conference Room.

Approved as Amended  
June 10, 2008  
s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk